



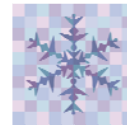
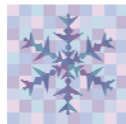
Great Lakes IFT News

Fall/Winter 2018/2019

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Fall/Winter 2018/2019 Highlights



We've covered a lot of ground in the past six months and held some awesome events filled with networking, fun, and well-rounded educational opportunities! Please take a look at the following to see what we've been up to.

Food Waste: The Problem & The Opportunity

September 25, 2018

For the Great Lakes Section fall kickoff meeting, members gathered at Michigan State University (MSU) to focus on the food-waste angle of the industry. Attendees enjoyed dinner at MSU's new Brody Square Cafeteria while listening to Carla Inasiti, Sustainably Officer for Residential Hospitality Services, discuss food waste management on MSU's campus. This was alongside a lecture from MSU Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering Professor Dana Kirk, PhD PE, regarding the breadth of food waste globally and how anaerobic digestion can play a part in reducing this waste while creating energy. Attendees were also able to tour the Brody Square Cafeteria to see firsthand how food waste is processed, tour the MSU Anaerobic Digester at the Research & Education Center, and sample some world-famous Dairy Store ice cream!

Quick Stats:

- # of Attendees: 45
- Location: East Lansing, MI
- Photos: Next Page!



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Food Waste: The Problem & The Opportunity



Touring at the Research & Education Center in full-swing!



Behind the scenes at Brody Square



Thank you, Spartans!





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Vander Mill Cider—Tour and Fermentation Education

October 23, 2018

On October 23rd, Great Lakes Section IFT Members and students met at Vander Mill Cider to tour and learn about the hard cider production process. The night started out with a tour of the brand-new production facility and an exploration of how cider is fermented, filtered, and blended. Everyone also learned the history and the journey of success of Vander Mill (locations in Spring Lake, MI and Grand Rapids, MI). During the tour, guests got to sample three different unique ciders and got to take home their very own Vander Mill glass! After the tour, the group enjoyed a delicious dinner and a chapter update from our Section Chair, Lela Squire.

Quick Stats:

- # of Attendees: 31
- Location: Grand Rapids, MI



Thank you, Vander Mill!





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Holiday Dinner & Kid's Food Basket Donation

December 4, 2018

On December 4th, 2018, Members & guests of the Great Lakes Section IFT assembled 200 Supper Packs for the Kids Food Basket Organization. Kids Food Basket is a wonderful organization that supports children living at or near poverty level with critical evening meals to set them up for success in academic achievement. They serve all over West Michigan. The Supper Packs were dropped off at the Holland location. The rest of the night was relaxing and fun with a family-style dinner enjoyed. San Chez is well-known for their Latin American food, with delicious and beautiful dishes served tapas-style. The evening ended with drawing raffle prizes to celebrate another year of continued networking, educational opportunities, and serving our communities. Almost every attendee received a prize; we would like to thank the below Great Lakes local companies for contributing to our evening:

- Symrise Flavors
- Givaudan Flavors
- Mane Flavors
- TIC Gums/Ingredient
- FONA
- H&W
- IFF Favors



Thank you, Kid's Food Basket and San
Chez Bistro!



Quick Stats:

- # of Attendees: 18
- Location: Grand Rapids, MI
- Photos: See next page!



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Holiday Dinner & Kid's Food Basket Donation



Enjoying the holiday cheer at San Chez,
and hearing about GLIFT Section Updates!



Thanks again to our raffle donors!

Over 200lbs of food assembled!



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Flavor Forecasting with FONA & Kitchen Proper

February 26, 2019

On a snowy evening in February, our members had the opportunity to meet in Battle Creek, MI to learn more about flavor forecasting. The evening began with amazing appetizers and meals at Kitchen Proper, a downtown restaurant which specializes in rustic and local dishes. Members had the opportunity to network, as well! The group then moved on down the road a few doors to FONA's regional offices, where guest speaker Suzy Badaracco, founder of Culinary Tides, gave a presentation about flavor forecasting. The discussion was very informative and engaging, with topics focused around how economic and social trends play a role in food and beverage consumer behaviors. FONA also provided some excellent desserts showcasing some of the season's trendier flavors! Thank you to Kitchen Proper, FONA & Suzy for an awesome night!

Quick Stats:

- # of Attendees: 26
- Location: Battle Creek, MI



Student Chapter Highlights



We are lucky to have so much involvement in the Great Lakes Section from our Student Chapter! Many of our students from Michigan State are involved in MSU's Food Science Club. Please enjoy this update from our GLIFT Student Representative, Kaylan Hayman:

The MSU Food Science Club is enjoying the 2018-2019 school year. In the fall, the club was fortunate enough to host company visits from Mars, McCormick, Nestle Gerber, Kellogg's and Jiffy. The club also put on some fun social events like a tour of Uncle John's Cider Mill, a coffee tasting seminar, a bar crawl, and a progressive dinner tour of Lansing, MI. They've kicked off the spring semester with a molecular gastronomy night put on by Dr. Linda Garrow, and a mozzarella making class with Josh Hall of the MSU Dairy Plant. The club has enjoyed giving back to the MSU and East Lansing communities by volunteering at MSU's Autumn Fest and Alumni Distinguished Scholars event, and by putting on food science demonstrations for "Science Nights" at local elementary schools. The club appreciates the support of GLSIFT and looks forward to welcoming everyone to campus in March for Student Recognition Night!

Mozz making:



Fall bar crawl:



Molecular gastronomy night:





Upcoming Events

Members—Please look for emails coming your way soon for more details and sign-ups for the below events coming up for Spring & Summer 2019! Not on our email list? Send a note to greatlakesift@gmail.com and we'll get you added to our communications. Also check out greatlakesift.org for further information.

GLIFT Supplier's Day Expo & Wine Dinner

- Wednesday, April 17th
- This is the 41st Supplier's Day Exhibition at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, MI. Visit booths from all participating companies 2:00pm-6:00pm. The theme for 2019 is Mardi Gras....let the good times roll!
- Join us for our annual after-event wine dinner at 7pm at Firekeepers Casino & Hotel in Battle Creek, MI.

Traverse City Wine & Cherry Weekend

- Friday, May 10—Saturday, May 11
- This will be a fun-filled weekend of socializing and learning, with some awesome items on the agenda touring wineries and orchards in the area.
- Please see emails floating around for more details regarding the agenda and accommodations/transportation.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

Our GLIFT Section Board is always looking for volunteers to assist and get more involved! Please contact us anytime at greatlakesift@gmail.com